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- June 9, 2013 – Everyday People
- June 23, 2013 – Top Secret
- July 14, 2013 – Melodious Funk
- July 28, 2013 – Silverrock
- August 11, 2013 – Lake St. Station
- August 25, 2013 – Bismarck
- September 1, 2013 – Van Dyke Revue

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June 15, 2013

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We are grateful for the partnership and assistance of the Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and the community-at-large for their assistance in producing a great, informative guide for a great community.

Welcome To Bridgman!

Thank you for picking up this 2013 Bridgman Area Business and Visitor's Guide, if you aren't already in the Bridgman area, we think you'll find plenty of reasons to visit. Our Chamber is very proud of our community, and you'll find that we – and all of the businesses you might patronize here – will greet you with great service and a welcoming smile, whether you're a long-time resident or a first-time visitor.

The Bridgman Area Chamber publishes this guide annually as a service to both our local neighbors and residents and our treasured tourists and part-time residents. It is intended to serve both audiences equally, with valuable local contact information for local municipalities, protection agencies, and the like, as well as ample information for those unfamiliar with the many destinations and amenities our area has to offer via local businesses and attractions. We encourage all to keep this resource handy as it will guide you from the "Lake to Grapes."

As Chamber President, I am honored to serve my peers in local businesses, and am proud of our many accomplishments in 2012 and of the exciting calendar ahead for 2013. Last year the Chamber set out a warm welcome for new business entrants with a ribbon cutting ceremony for six new or newly owned businesses all in a single day! We also held several "Business After Hours" events at local small businesses to allow their neighbors to learn more about their companies. Additionally, we launched a new website, www.bridgmanarea.org, which allows its users to gain access to a continually updated calendar of events, festival information and business listings. The Chamber continues to grow in membership and in the scope of activities we do to support those members. I invite and encourage any local businesses who are not members to join us in supporting our communities and your businesses.

Again, we are very proud of our community and region, we are fortunate to live in a place with a strong sense of community, with a supportive backbone of neighbors and friends, and with some of the most gorgeous and amazing surroundings and sunsets in the world. Our business community thanks you for your patronage and hopes that you'll come back soon.

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American Diabetes Association
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Autism Society of Michigan
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Michigan Road Conditions
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National Child Abuse Hotline
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The Bridgman area boasts a wide range of dining options. From fast-food franchise favorites like the local McDonald's just off I-94's Exit 16 on Red Arrow Highway, to a diverse medley of unique locally-owned and operated eateries, like Beachside Bakery, the perfect place to start your day with coffee and donuts or finish it with a great desert. From beachfront to downtown you'll have no problem finding your ideal culinary fare in a comfortable atmosphere you'll want to visit again and again.

WEKO BEACH IS THE HOTTEST PLACE TO DINE

The latest news in Bridgman dining is the new Beach Town Grill. Opened last summer by a popular, local accomplished restaurateur (and proprietor of Classic Catering), it's brought new culinary life to a historic venue. Located inside Bridgman's Beach House right on Weko Beach, Beach Town Grill provides a wide variety of favorites and some classics with a twist. If you find your stomach grumbling after some sun and swimming you can barefoot it to their walk-up service window. Even if you're fully dressed, you can drive down to the beach house for a relaxing meal in Beach Town Grill's dining room overlooking the beach and lakefront. We aren't aware of any other restaurant in the region where you can dine with such an unbeatable, close-up view of Lake Michigan's gorgeous beach, lakefront, and sunsets.

CLASSIC DRIVE-IN DINING

Mikey's Drive-In Restaurant was given new life last season when new owners reopened the classic roadside drive-in. It's quickly become a summertime staple for locals and visitors alike. Mikey's brings back the nostalgic experience of drive-in eating with carhops and classic favorites. Located just off Red Arrow Highway north of Lake Street, entering Mikey's will make you feel like you've pulled off old Route 66 and into a scene from "American Graffiti." Test your suspension and your digestion with a famous half-pound "Mikey Burger" eaten over the steering wheel, or make yourself at home in an inside booth or outside picnic table.

EPIC VARIETY WITH A PEEK OF GREEK

Olympus, another local family-owned restaurant, is well-known for their widely diverse menu featuring high-quality home cooking. In the midst of all this variety the owners haven't forsaken the favorites from their home country. You can find homemade baklava and other Greek favorites regularly.



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THROWING A PARTY? FEEDING A CROWD?

If you've got a big hungry group, call on Classic Catering & Events. The team at Classic can accommodate the needs of virtually any size crowd and event. Put them to work on your party and their innovative menus, years of experience and variety of rental items will make your event a sure hit.

PICK UP LOCAL FARE FOR YOUR HOME-COOKED FEAST

If you love to cook, you'll have no problem finding all the ingredients for everything from a beachside snack to a gourmet

meal. Fill a cart at Harding's Friendly Market, or pick your own produce from the array of farm stands and u-picks throughout the region, such as Rambo and Jones' Blueberry Farms, Shafer Orchards, and Lemon Creek Fruit Farm & Winery (learn more on pages 14 & 15). Of course you'll have no problem finding the right wine to accompany every course of your meal. Learn more on pages 18 & 19, and find them all on the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Country ad on pages 16 & 17. Epicurean delights can be found throughout our abundant region, take your time to discover, enjoy and digest them all.



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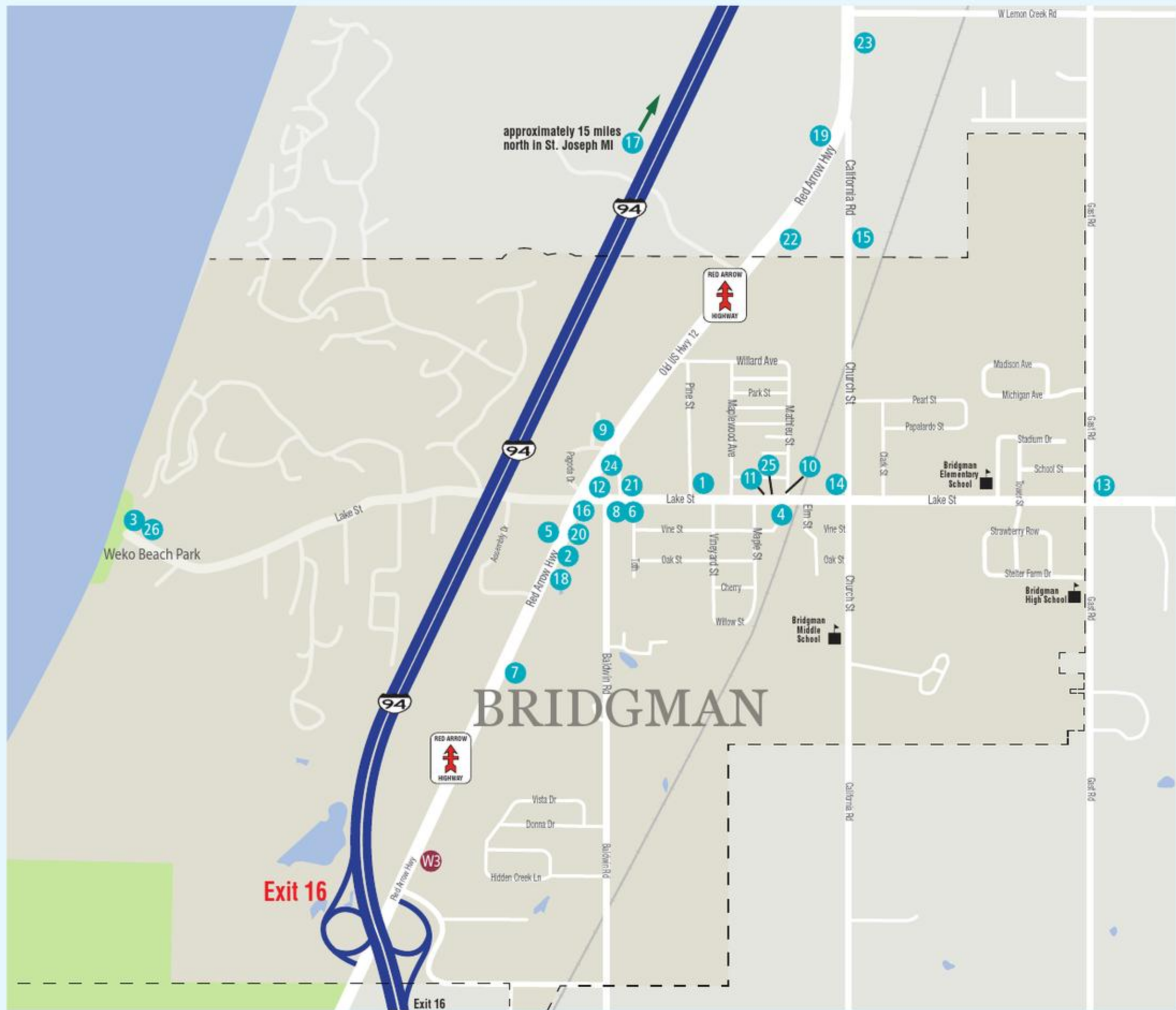
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Bridgman Business Locator Map



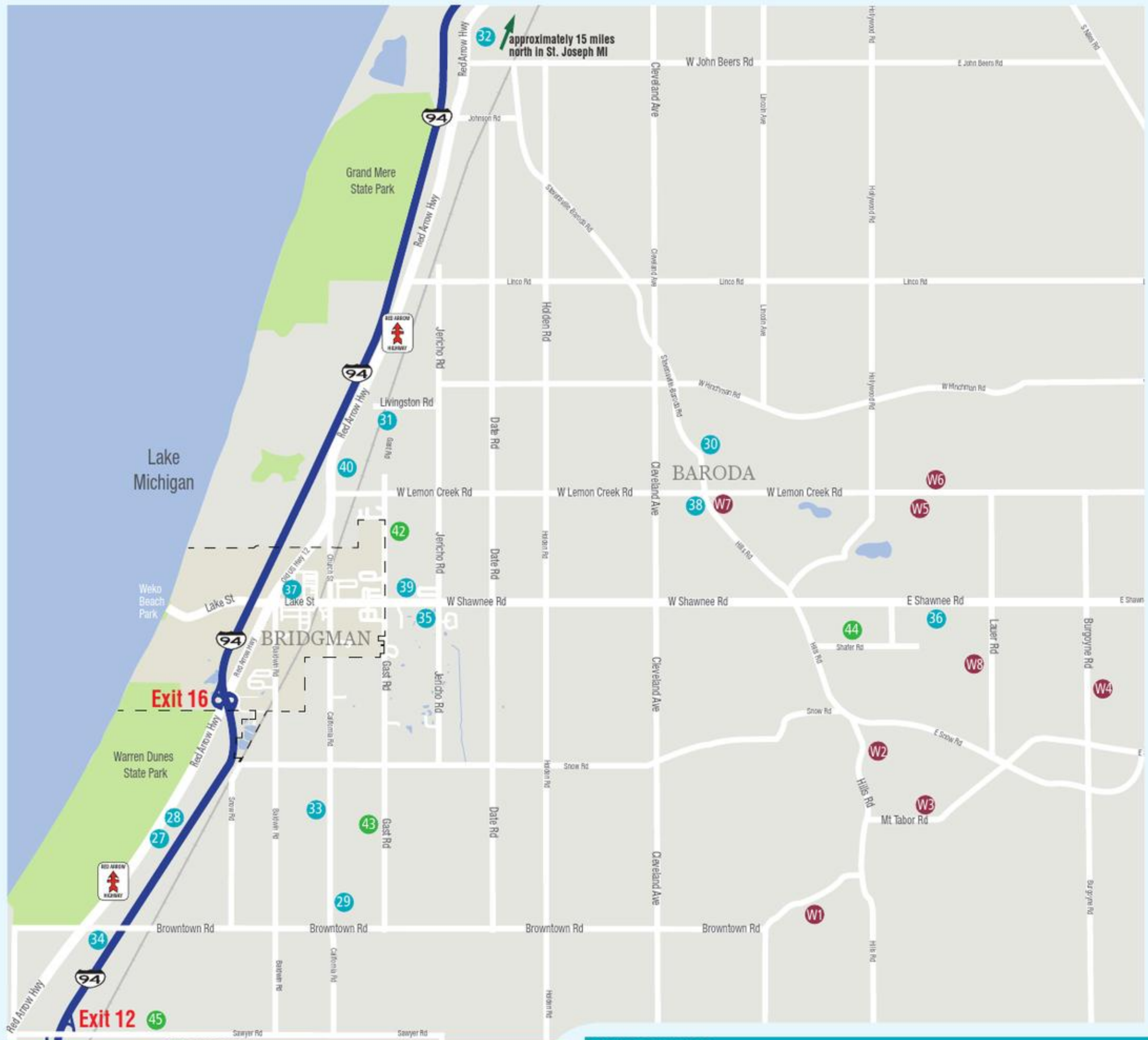
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Local Events

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JULY

July 6 & 7 – Saturday & Sunday ~ Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. More info at www.macker.com

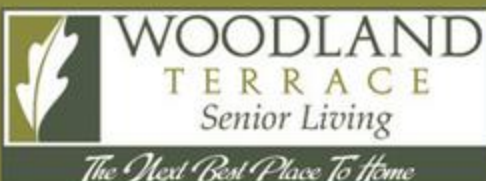
July 8 – 14 - Monday through Sunday ~ Celebrate Bridgman! Events taking place Downtown and other locations. See www.bridgman.org for more info.

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AUGUST

August 11 – Sunday, 7p-9p ~ Free Concert at Weko Beach featuring Lake St. Station

August 12 - 17, Berrien County Youth Fair

August 25 – Sunday, 7p-9p ~ Free Concert at Weko Beach featuring Bismark

SEPTEMBER

September 1 – Sunday, 7p-9p ~ Free Concert at Weko Beach featuring Van Dyke Revue

September 28 – Saturday ~ Weko Beach Brewer's Festival at Weko Beach

OCTOBER

October 31 - Halloween ~ Check with local municipalities for actual Trick-or-Treating dates and times

DECEMBER

The Chamber's "Holiday Village" (visit www.bridgman.org for dates & updates)

PLAY B-BALL IN THE BRIDGMAN GUS MACKER

Last summer downtown Bridgman turned into a basketball court, several in fact, hosting it's first annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The event returns for 2013 on July 6 and 7, 2013 taking place Downtown next to City Hall.

More information and registration for the Bridgman Macker is available now on at "macker.com."

There are fun and competitive divisions for virtually every person and age group, and some very special events and venues planned as well. Whether you're a beginner, seasoned pro, weekend warrior or ageless amateur – or even if you just want to come for the fun and excitement as a spectator - the Macker is for you!

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Apples			•	•	•
Apricots		•	•	•	
Green Beans		•	•	•	
Blueberries		•	•		
Cabbage-Spinach	•	•	•	•	•
Cherries	•	•			
Cucumbers		•	•	•	
Grapes			•	•	•
Melons			•	•	
Nectarines		•	•	•	
Pears			•	•	•
Peaches		•	•		
Peppers		•	•	•	
Plums			•	•	•
Pumpkins				•	•
Raspberries		•	•	•	•
Strawberries	•	•			
Squash		•	•	•	•
Sweet Corn		•	•	•	
Tomatoes		•	•	•	•
Watermelons			•	•	•

This schedule represents typical harvest times for much of the produce found across Southwest Michigan. Keep in mind, however, that an unusually mild Winter, an early Spring, and/or a late Spring frost can alter these dates significantly. Don't hesitate to call any of the growers listed on these pages to make sure you don't miss out on your favorites.

EAT LOCAL!

The local food movement continues to grow in popularity and importance. In this age of processed foodstuffs and shipped-in produce, more and more consumers are keen to understand and identify with exactly where their food is coming from. The fertile fields surrounding our region have for years been producing an incredible diversity of fruits and vegetables. The secret ingredient (or at least one key factor) is the unique microclimate created by Lake Michigan. Join the conscious consumers who've already discovered our area's healthy harvests and drive directly to the source. Get to know the friendly folks who tend the farms and fields of our region, and sink your teeth into some healthy, delicious locally-grown foods.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY SEASON

Springtime's asparagus, Summer's blueberries, and Fall's apples and pumpkins all benefit from the "lake effect" - the weather patterns affected by our close proximity to Lake Michigan. Milder seasons combine with the lake breezes that waft over our rolling countryside to make our region as fertile and abundant as it is lovely and relaxing.

Sawyer Garden Market is a great place to streamline your search for locally grown foods (and just about any other summer household need you may have.) You'll be impressed with their amazing selection of local produce, overwhelmed by their abundance of

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One of the region's most popular and abundant treats is the blueberries that typically ripen throughout the height of summer. There are several nearby farms where you can pick your own or buy them freshly picked. We recommend both Jones Blueberries and Rambo Blueberries, locally owned and locally grown. See their ads on these pages and find them on the guide maps on pages 10 & 11. A little further inland and in the heart of wine country, you can pick or purchase peaches and apples at Shafer Orchards. ...and speaking of wine, Lemon Creek Farm & Winery grows much more than grapes, buy a bushel before or after sampling some wine, or take a fun family hayride into their orchards to pick your own.

Combine the knowledge you gain on these pages with the places to find it all using the maps on pages 10 & 11 where u-picks and farm stands are indicated and appropriately color-coded with green dots. Together they'll guide you to a wonderful variety of healthy, locally grown treats.

LOCAL AGRICULTURAL FACTS

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Michigan's State economy. Michigan has about 10 Million acres of farmland and over 56,000 farms. More than 90% of Michigan farmland is owned by families or individuals.

The State of Michigan produces over 200 agricultural commodities. Michigan is the second-most agriculturally diverse State in the nation.

Michigan leads the U.S. in the production of 19 agricultural commodities, and ranks in the top 10 for production of 30 others.

AGRICULTURE IN BERRIEN COUNTY

Over 1,000 Farms	Rankings in State Ag Production:
Over 350 Orchards	#1 in Grapes
Over 150 Vegetable Farms	#2 in Apples
About 100 Million in annual agricultural production	#4 in Blueberries
	#5 in Asparagus

State Data from Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) materials. Berrien County Data from Southwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission (SWMPC) materials. Data represented is from a range of recent years, with some rounded and/or estimated.



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... and just like them, you will want to stay.

Our good times pop like corks all year round. It's fun to go from winery to winery touring our cellars and sampling our reds, whites and reserves. Come for a romantic getaway or to revel in our festivals.

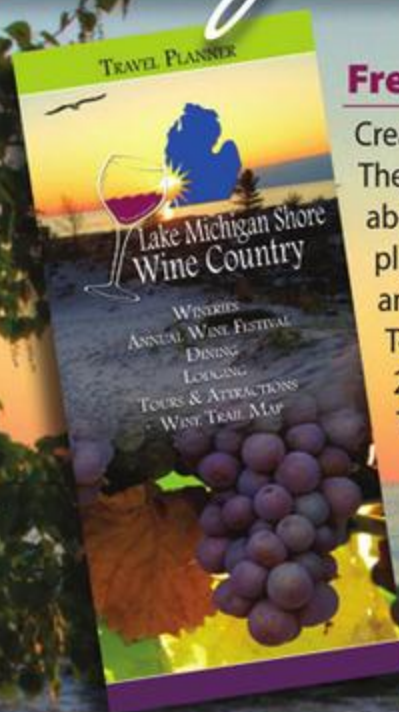
And as you wander between wineries, take time to walk along our miles of silver-sand beaches, golf championship courses, dine and sleep just minutes from our shore.

So come, drink in the memories. And before you head home, be sure to bring back bottles of your favorite Lake Michigan Shore Wine Country vintages to continue the good times or to share with family and friends.



To discover more ways to enjoy life at our wineries and beaches, visit:

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Free Wine Country guide

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- 7 BARODA FOUNDERS WINE CELLAR**
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- 7A Baroda Founders Fort Miami Tasting Room**
415 State St., St. Joseph
- 14 CODY KRESTA VINEYARD & WINERY**
45727 27th St., Mattawan
269-668-3800
CodyKrestaWinery.com



- 8 CONTESSA WINE CELLARS**
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269-468-5534
ContessaWineCellars.com



- 5 DOMAINE BERRIEN CELLARS**
398 E. Lemon Creek Rd., Berrien Springs
269-473-9463
DomaineBerrien.com



- 12 FENN VALLEY VINEYARDS & WINE CELLAR**
6130 122nd Ave., Fennville
800-432-6265 or 269-561-2396
FennValley.com



- 12A Fenn Valley Tasting Room**
310 Butler St., Saugatuck
269-857-5170



- 4 FREE RUN CELLARS**
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FreeRunCellars.com



- 13 GRAVITY**
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- 1 HICKORY CREEK WINERY**
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HickoryCreekWinery.com



- 9 KARMA VISTA VINEYARDS & WINERY**
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The third Saturday in June all of our wineries get together at Weko Beach, Bridgman, to celebrate summer with food, wine and music. But you're also invited to individual winery events held throughout the year from grape stomps to jazz fests to dinner with our wine masters. For upcoming events, visit miwinetrail.com.



Good times ahead

You are within minutes of enjoying more than a dozen wineries and tasting rooms. On your tour, look for this sign to good times. Coming from Chicago, you'll reach the trail within 90 minutes; from Detroit, 2.5 hours; from Indianapolis, 4 hours.

- 11 LAWTON RIDGE WINERY**
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LawtonRidgeWinery.com



- 6 LEMON CREEK WINERY**
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- 2 ROUND BARN WINERY, BREWERY & DISTILLERY**
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- 4A Round Barn Tasting Room & Free Run Tasting Room**
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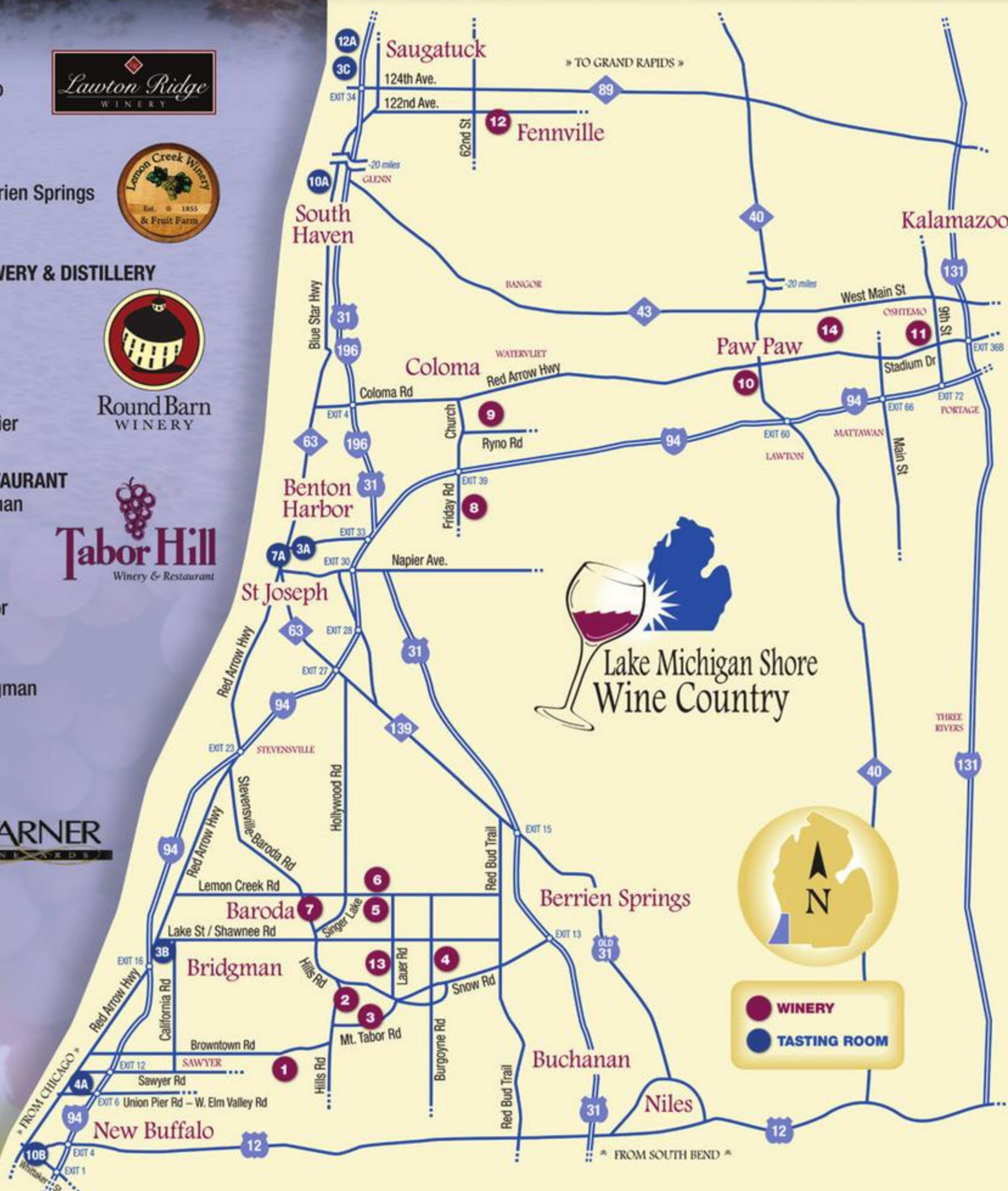
- 3C Tabor Hill Wine Port**
214 Butler St., Saugatuck
269-857-4859

- 10 WARNER VINEYARDS**
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- 10A Warner Tasting Room**
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Welcome to Wine Country

DISCOVER OUR LOCAL LIBATIONS

We know that many of you who are visiting (and more than a few who live here) have come for the wine. You're in the right place as nearly a dozen vineyards can be found within about 10 minutes of I-94's Exit 16 and/or downtown Bridgman. Virtually all of them feature tasting rooms on-site, and many offer tours and special events throughout the season. More information on all of the wineries of the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail can be found in the center spread of this guide.

HOW TO FIND THEM ALL



Some of the scenic routes through our countryside and to the vineyards can be a bit confusing, but this year introduces an attractive new form of assistance to travelers. Local communities recently partnered to install helpful and informative "wayfinding" signage throughout the area. Look for the new "Lake To Grapes" signage at highway exits and throughout the region to point you to the wineries as well as other key attractions.

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TASTE THEM ALL IN ONE PLACE

It's the original Wine Festival on the Lake Michigan shore. For nearly a decade the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival, held annually on Bridgman's Weko Beach, has welcomed several thousand wine lovers to enjoy great bands, fabulous food, and taste wines from over a dozen Lake Michigan Shore producers. This year's June 15th event starts at 1pm and continues into the evening until 10pm, giving all attendees the opportunity to combine all the wine, food and fun with one of our gorgeous West Coast (of Lake Michigan) sunsets. We highly recommend this event.

BUY THEM ALL IN ONE PLACE

Of course, there are plenty of times when a glass of wine is desired or appropriate, but a visit to the winery itself isn't entirely convenient. For those occasions we all enjoy the convenience of Harding's Friendly Market's vast selection of local wines. In addition to great prices on all of the essentials for our daily shopping lists, Harding's carries an incredible selection of Michigan's local wines and craft beers in addition to a well-stocked liquor department. Harding's does a great deal to support our community, local businesses and events such as the aforementioned Wine and Brewer's Festivals, and we encourage locals and visitors alike to shop local with them.

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While we're quite proud of our wineries, we'd be remiss in not mentioning our region's burgeoning breweries and developing distilleries. Michigan's craft beer industry has been booming in recent years, and again, there's a great opportunity to try them all



right here on the Lake in Bridgman. The 3rd annual Weko Beach Brewers Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 3pm to 9pm. Again,

great bands, fabulous food, and a gorgeous sunset are all bonus accompaniments to the over 30 varieties of craft beer you'll be able to sample from about a dozen of Michigan's craft breweries including locals Round Barn and Greenbush Brewing. Soon virtually every day in Bridgman will be a brewer's fest, with a new name in craft brewing scheduled to open this year downtown. The proprietors promise to weave a "Tapestry" of delicious local brews. Finally, if you fancy two fingers of something with a little more kick, check out some of the spirits being distilled locally at Round Barn and Journeyman Distillery in nearby Three Oaks.

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BRIDGMAN, MICHIGAN

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More info at wekobeachbrewersfest.com
or call Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council 269.925.6301

A Great Place To Visit...

As you page through this helpful guide it will become evident that Bridgman is a great place to visit, with an incredible array of attractions and destinations for every person and interest. But dig a little deeper and you'll find an impressive community infrastructure underpinning all of those "icing on the cake" elements that visitors flock to our region to enjoy. You'll find, in fact, that the Bridgman area is an amazing place to call home!

Bridgman is rather unique in comparison to some of our surrounding communities. While offering all of the benefits of "beach towns" that also line Lake Michigan's coastline, Bridgman offers year-around amenities, conveniences and basic infrastructure.



We're the closest coastline community to Chicagoland that boasts a full-time population that isn't outnumbered by part-time homeowners and/or rental cottages. While many of our neighboring

communities' businesses scale back hours or even board up for the winter, the Bridgman area remains open for business, with a strong and stable full-time population that enthusiastically supports our local businesses. When the shopping list or social calendar calls for more metropolitan affairs, we're just a few minutes from St. Joseph & Benton Harbor, a short trip to South Bend, and a bit over an hour to Grand Rapids or Chicago.

IMPRESSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

The word "infrastructure" may induce thoughts of elements such as power grids or transportation networks. With the Cook Nuclear Power Generation Facility in our community and I-94 at our doorstep we remain powered up and connected to the world, but there's so much more built into our community that makes it an attractive place to call home...

SUPER SCHOOLS

Bridgman Public Schools serve the area as one of the region's highest-rated school districts. It is the number one "School of Choice" in Berrien County, meaning that numerous students from neighboring districts vie for the opportunity to attend our schools, with over 300 students from 11 neighboring districts attending today. Bridgman Public Schools are in high demand with families who value quality education thanks to our robust academic

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programs, competitive and well-rounded athletic programs, strong fine arts programs and outstanding facilities. Bridgman Schools are staying on the forefront of quality education, technological innovation and state-of-the-art facilities thanks in part to the community's recent show of support in passing recent bond proposals totaling over \$23 million in improvements.

STRONG LEADERSHIP

The City of Bridgman and Lake Township work diligently to maintain the infrastructure, quality of life, and constant improvement of our communities. Our municipal Councils, Boards and Committees are comprised of hard-working and enthusiastic community members. Many of our appointed and elected leaders have served our communities for years longer than the average of their peers. Community leaders focus equally on the maintenance of quality-of-life for residents and on development of our communities for the business community. Bridgman and Lake Township partner in the Economic Growth Alliance, a public-private partnership of municipal and business leaders that concentrates on the economic development of our communities. The EGA was recently recognized Statewide for leading a larger partnership with neighboring communities to initiate the "Lake To Grapes" tourism wayfinding effort. You'll see the results in the convenient directional and informational signage pointing the way to key communities,



destinations and attractions across the area. Finally, the Chamber is proud to support and be represented by local business owners, and is always enthusiastic and supportive of new businesses entering our communities.

REASONABLE COST OF LIVING

All of the infrastructure and amenities, the beaches and the vineyards, the amazing shops and restaurants, and the strong sense of community come with a price tag that will likely surprise you. Home values, while strong, are not exorbitant, and you can find all of your basic needs and more at an incredible value, and check out with a friend and neighbor who knows your name.

All in all, these and other factors add up to a great place to call home. We have something for everyone, so contact the Chamber or just come to town and learn more about our wonderful community.

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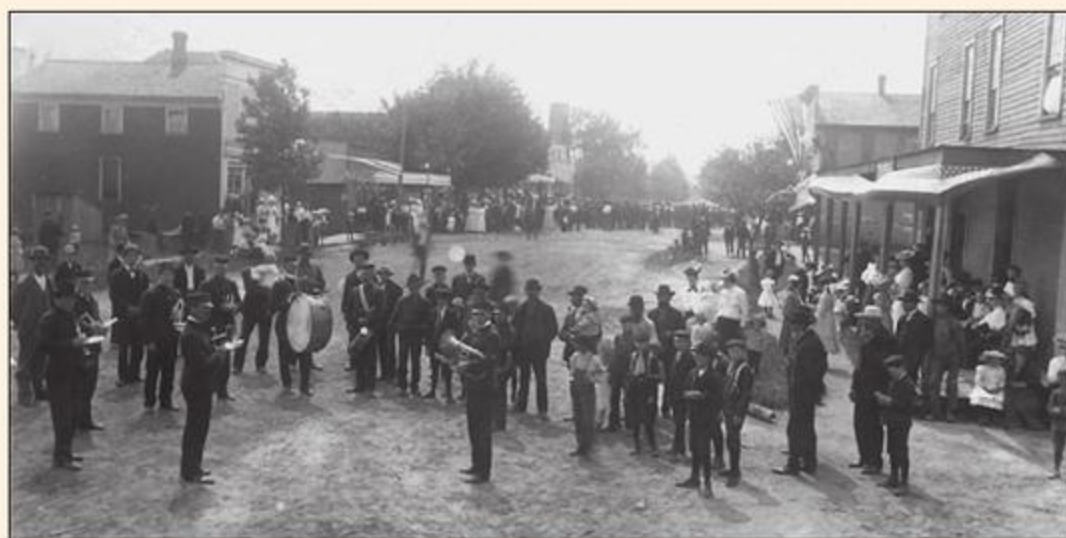
BEFORE IT WAS BRIDGMAN



In the fall of 1856, George Bridgman, along with partners Warren and Charles Howe formed the Charlotte Lumber Company. A large steam-powered sawmill was set up near the present intersection of Lake Street and Red Arrow Highway. A narrow-gauge railway was constructed, running from the mill to the lake with several branches into the timber. About seven miles of track were busily traveled by an engine and over 30 cars. The area around the mill became known as Charlotteville, after one of the Howe brother's wives, Charlotte.

Unfortunately the Charlotte Mill was destroyed by fire in 1863. Over the next seven years, the partners rebuilt two more times, and each time the Mill was again destroyed by fire. The Howe brothers were finally convinced that this wasn't their calling and in 1870 left the area to pursue other ventures.

George Bridgman, however, decided to stay in the area. Bridgman had acquired several hundred acres of land, including most of present-day Bridgman, and he and other residents began growing fruit trees, grapes



and berry plants. Of course the market for their fruits was limited to what could be sold locally.

A NEW TOWN NAME RIDES IN ON THE RAILS

Mr. Bridgman granted right of way to the Chicago Michigan and Lakeshore Railroad to pass through his land, and in 1871 the "Bridgman Depot" was erected. That same year the Post Office changed their local designation to Bridgman carrying George's name into history.

The Railroad Depot enabled the already growing nursery business to explode in Bridgman. In 1888 Ozro Baldwin ran a three-line ad for raspberry plants in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Farm Journal. He received orders for all of his plants and the next year several hundred folders were sent out quoting prices for strawberry and cane

The Bridgman/Lake Township Historical Society

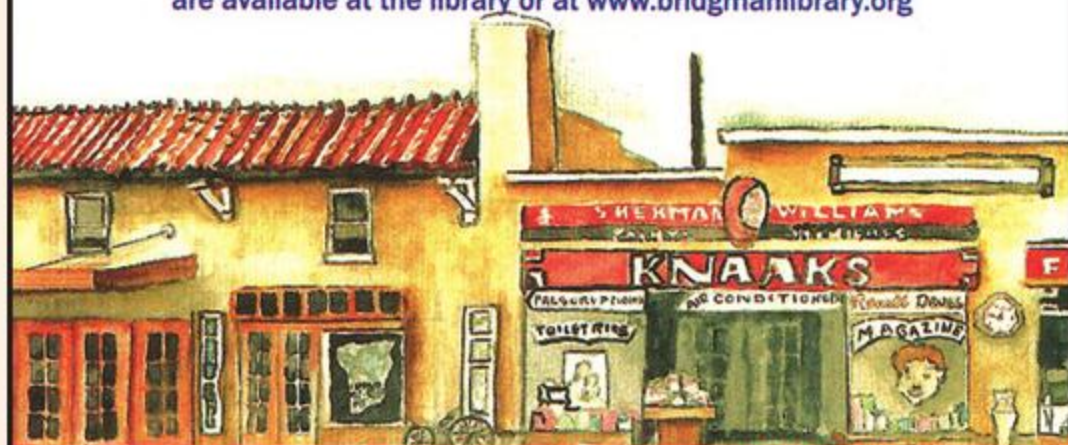


Established in 2006, the Bridgman/Lake Township Historical Society's first endeavor was to publish a book on local history. The book, Bridgman-Lake Township "The First One Hundred Years" went on sale in August of 2008. The Society is continuing to accumulate and preserve stories, pictures and interesting items of local history. We also host presentations to the public and to students on a variety of local historical subjects.

The Society office is located in the Bridgman Public Library. Hours are every Saturday 1-3 and the second and fourth Wednesday of the month 6-8. Please visit us and see some of the items that we have on display. Books are available for \$25 at our office, Bridgman Garden & Feed and Liskey Insurance or they can be ordered from the library website; www.bridgmanlibrary.org

We also have a nice variety of other items for sale. Perfect for gifts!

Help us keep our past alive by joining the Society. Membership forms are available at the library or at www.bridgmanlibrary.org



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plants. The mail-order nursery business soon became a million-dollar industry in Bridgman. While many local names have been associated with the business over the years, two stalwarts, Krieger and Rambo wholesale nurseries, still operate in Bridgman today. Rambo Nurseries operate a Blueberry U-Pick and Farmstand on Gast Road that is open to the public. (See map listings on page 11).

WHERE WEKO BEACH GOT IT'S NAME



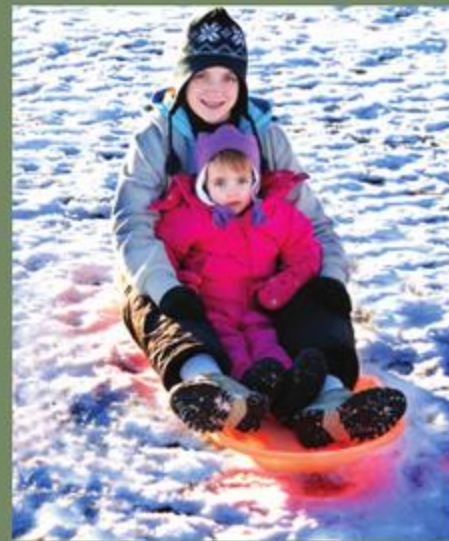
The Lake Michigan Shoreline in Bridgman became popular in the 1920's. Partners Henry Weber and Bruno Kolander built a waterfront pavilion on the beach, which to this day carries the name they formulated from the first two letters of their last

names... Weko Beach. Their pavilion became a popular destination for residents and visitors from all around, particularly Chicago.

Today the Weko Beach House sits on the pavilion's site, and is run by the City of Bridgman as one of the most attractive public beaches in the region. The building continues to provide food and fun to residents and visitors alike.

Photos: City of Bridgman www.bridgman.org

IT'S NOT JUST FOR SUMMER ANYMORE!



Wintertime in the Lake to Grapes region offers its own unique opportunities for visitors to enjoy.

While we wouldn't recommend going for a swim, (and stay off the ice!) a trip down to the beach in winter offers an often peaceful perspective on the waterfront.

The towering dunes of Warren Dunes State Park are a popular

sledding spot when the snow falls.

Enjoy a new and relaxing perspective on the region with a casual drive through the sparkling, snow-covered countryside.

And with the summer crowds gone, a winter trip to our local wineries and tasting rooms offers connoisseurs and casual wine drinkers alike a unique opportunity for a slower-paced round of tasting... and maybe even an opportunity to chat with the winemakers themselves.

Don't fall victim to cabin fever - there's still plenty to do from the "Lake to Grapes" - even in wintertime



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YEARLY LIBRARY PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Baby and Me – newborn to 2 years
- Toddler and Me – 2-5 years
- Lady Bug Story-hour – 2-5 years
- Amazing Monday Family Event
- Wednesday night Family Story Time
- PAWS-itive Reading
- Reading BEE-lievers
- Computer classes
- Knit n' Yarn
- Need A Read adult book group
- Author visits
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- BEE-Safe – child safety program
- Genealogy Workshops
- Michigan Community Blood Drives

The Friends of the Bridgman Library have been raising funds to support the Bridgman Library for over 30 years. The Friends Book Shoppe, located inside the Library, offers gently used books, audio-books, puzzles and more for adults and children. Funds raised from these sales have supported: Ancestry Library Edition, mConsole, patron computers, books, movies, book shelving, the annual Summer Reading Program, and so much more.

OTHER FRIENDS SPONSORED EVENTS:

- May 18 & 19 – Community-Wide Garage Sale
- June 17th through July 27th – Summer Reading Program

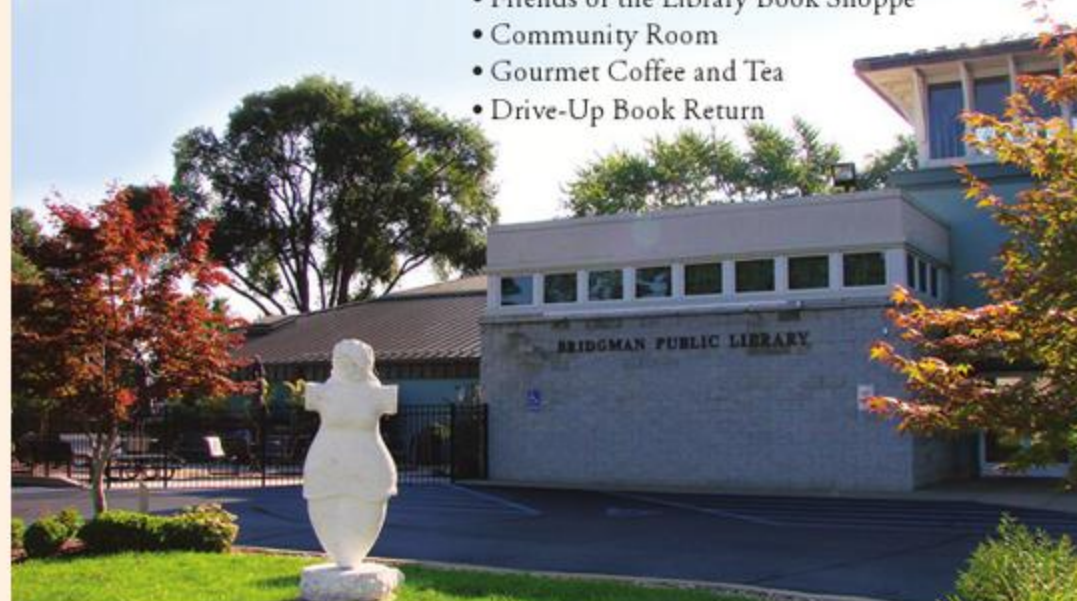
HIGHLIGHTS:

- June 10 Sign Up
- Movie Monday – through August 5
- Children's Programs
- Royal Tea Party with Miss Bridgman
- Pet Parade
- Curious Kids
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Kalamazoo Air Zoo
- Balloon Meister
- AND MORE

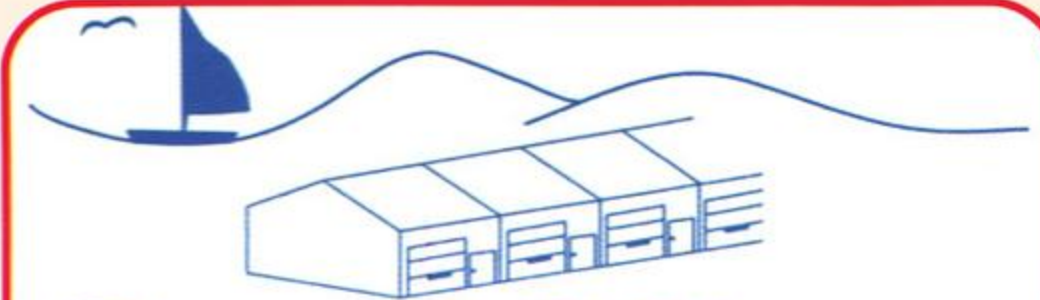
For a complete schedule of all Summer Reading activity dates and times, stop by the Library or check the website at www.bridgmanlibrary.org. Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook. We look forward to your visit. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 269-465-3663.

Bridgman Public Library

FEATURES	HIGHLIGHTS
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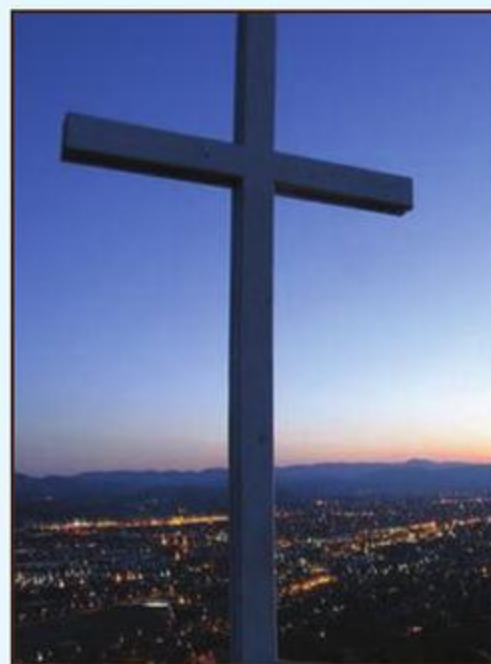
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